Patent 48341-00014

Appl. No.: 10/785,577 Preliminary Amendment

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant believes that the pending claims17-20 and 29-50 are allowable and respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Applicant believes that no fees are required for submission of this preliminary amendment. However, if any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required to deposit account No. 50-3207.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 11/1/05

Michelle S. Glasky Registration No. 54,124

PRESTON GATES & ELLIS, LLP 1900 Main Street, Suite 600 Irvine, California 92614-7319 Telephone: (949) 253-0900 Facsimile: (949) 253-0902

Customer Number: 45,200